

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Upon reconsideration, the amendment filed December 16th, 2005, has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16, 18-20 and 22-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants' arguments, filed March 6th, 2006, regarding the analogousness of the Takahata prior art reference are persuasive in accordance with MPEP § 2141.01(a).

Therefore, the prior art of record neither teaches nor reasonably suggests an X-ray rotor core having at least one slot, at least one bar and further having a non-sprayed on, non-corrosive sleeve directly coupled to, at least partially covering/coupled over, and rotatable with the rotor core, as required by the combinations as claimed in each of claims 1, 16, 18 and 22.

Claims 2-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19 and 23-26 are allowed by virtue of their dependency.

Claims 10, 13 and 20 remain allowable for reasons as stated in the previous Office action, dated November 17th, 2004.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Artman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2485. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am - 5:30pm Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (571) 272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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